Third U. S. A-Sub Surfaces At Pole, This Time in Winter

By the Associated Press

The United States atomic submarine Sargo has smashed through the ice at the North Pole and planted the flag of Hawaii—her home State—at the top of the world.

The Navy said late yesterday the sub broke through the North pole ice Tuesday afternoon and then resumed her cruise in the Arctic Ocean's great basin.

The Sargo had been preceded to the pole by two sister nuclear subs, the Nautilus and the Skate. The Nautilus reached the pole on August 3, 1958. The Skate made its first trip on August 11, 1958, then repeated her cruise last March.

The Sargo's journey during the Arctic winter again emphasized the power of American nuclear submarines to prowl the international waters above Rusiia in any season.

The Navy said the Sargo is collecting oceanographic data, including data on the ocean bottom and the Arctic ice.

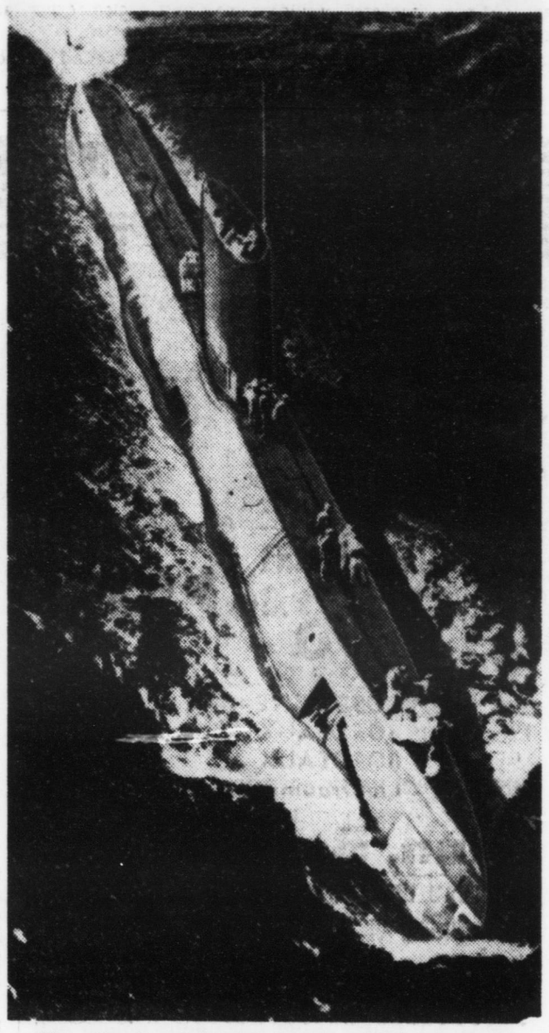
The Sargo slipped out of Pearl Harbor, her home port, on January 18. In her explorations she traveled a longer course than the direct 4,200 nautical miles from her base to the pole.

After submerging at the edge of the Arctic ice pack in the Bering Sea southwest of Alaska, she was under the ice for 2,744 miles before reaching the pole 14 days and 21 hours later.

She pushed through the ice seven times during the two weeks. The last two times she penetrated ice about 3-feet thick, which was the minimum thickness she found. Only the high conning tower of the submarine was shoved up through the ice on the last two breakthroughs.

The Hawaiian flag was planted at the pole by Lt. Comdr. John H. Nicholson, the Sargo's skipper.

The tops of the nuclear submarines are reinforced to permit ice breakthroughs. An upward drive pushes them through the ice in their normal cruising position. No boring or ramming is involved.



The atomic submarine Sargo, which has made an under-ice cruise to the North Pole.—U. S. Navy Photo via Associated Press.

Trackers Spot Mystery Object Orbiting Earth

By RICHARD FRYKLUND
Star Staff Writer

An unidentified "dark satellite" which could be an unreported Soviet space project is tumbling around the earth.

Exactly what it is, Navy satellite trackers do not know. But they have virtually ruled out the possibility it could be a meteorite and they are sure it is not an American satellite or any the Russians have admitted sending up.

The Pentagon officially would only say that there is an unknown satellite "which we have been watching for some time which may be of Soviet origin."

There is a chance it could be a forgotten stage of some old satellite rocket.

Part of Failure?

Or, it is speculated in the Pentagon, it could be the remains of a Soviet satellite failure—a failure the Kremlin is not willing to admit exists.

One theory advanced in military circles is that the dark satellite could be a secret Soviet surveillance platform keeping watch over American military installations. This country is developing just such a satellite, but it will not be ready for use for several years.

The dark satellite is in a polar orbit. No known Soviet satellite shot has ever used a polar orbit, and American satellite experts say it is unlikely that a Soviet satellite could be steared from another orbit into a north-south circuit. But they say also that this country would not necessarily be able to detect the takeoff of a polar-orbiting satellite.

The satellite is tumbling slowly end over end. It is silent. No radio signals are heard as it passes overhead, and military sources doubt that it could be broadcasting information over the Soviet Union without American radio stations overhearing.

"This object," the Pentagon announcement said late yesterday, "is slightly smaller than the United States Discoverer carrier rocket of which six are now in orbit in a somewhat similar path."

Less Than 20 Feet

This means the dark satellite is something less than 20 feet long and 5 feet in diameter. The Discoverer stages still in orbit are empty shells which once contained fuel. Now they weigh about 1,700 pounds.

If the dark satellite is full of instruments — and no one knows it is — it could weigh 15 or 20 tons.

The possibility that it could be a lost Discoverer second stage has almost been ruled out. Its orbit does not square with the orbits of any of the "space garbage" left behind by American shots—or known Soviet shots.

There are 11 man-made objects still in orbit around the earth, in addition to the dark satellite.

Navy trackers keep tabs on two Vanguards, two Explorers, Russia's Lunik III, and Sputnik III and six Discoverer second stages.

The dark satellite was found by the Navy space surveillance system about two weeks ago, informed sources say. The tracking radar network, centered in Fort Stewart, Ga., and Brown Field, near San Diego, has been following the unknown object and trying to calculate from its orbit whether it is one of ours or one of theirs.

A check of known orbits showed it probably was something new. Pentagon information officials wanted to make the discovery public promptly, but scientists and intelligence officers preferred to wait until the nature of the dark satellite was definitely determined.

Nixon Position Clear, Rockefeller Declares

By the Associated Press

Gov. Rockefeller of New York has broken one silence he has maintained about Richard M. Nixon since he decided not to contest the Vice President for the Republican nomination. His view: A statement by Mr. Nixon on party problems was "clear and forthright."

Mr. Rockefeller said those kind words last night about Mr. Nixon's warning to Republicans to avoid a smug, self-satisfied attitude because of past achievement.

But that's all Gov. Rockefeller said about Mr. Nixon at a Buffalo (N. Y.) party dinner. He made no prediction that Mr. Nixon will be the next President. Gov. Rockefeller's previous failure even to mention Mr. Nixon in public had been regarded by many political observers as possibly indicating a cleavage.

"Strikes Out" Democrats

The New York Governor spent more time scanning the sizable list of Democratic presidential aspirants. Using baseball lingo, he said the Democrats have "at least five pitchers eager to start in the big game of 1960, but the big question is whether any of them has enough on the ball."

His list included Senators Symington of Missouri, Humphrey of Minnesota, Johnson of Texas, Kennedy of Massachusetts, and Adlai Stevenson.

Two of these—Senators Kennedy and Humphrey—were at the same time stumping and politicking in the Far West.

Senator Kennedy told a dinner audience in Newport, Oreg., that the Republican administration, with high interest rates and tight money policies, has cost the Nation heavily.

Humphrey on Coast

Winding up two days of campaigning for Oregon's May 20 presidential primary, he promised that a new administration next year (Democratic, of course) could increase the country's productivity by $50 billion, cut unemployment in half, increase purchasing power and add $17 billion to Federal revenue.

Senator Humphrey was in California, starting a five-day tour with his eye on the State's 81 convention votes. He said he wouldn't enter the California primary in June unless somebody else does, making it clear he meant Senator Kennedy. But he added "I didn't come here to visit my relatives."

Gov. Edmund G. (Pat) Brown is California's favorite son candidate, and has told other Democrats the territory is out of bounds for them. Senator Kennedy has said he'll decide next month whether to contest Gov. Brown.

Senator Humphrey will have breakfast in Sacramento tomorrow with Gov. Brown.

Senator Humphrey said he hasn't made a deal with Gov. Brown to get Humphrey supporters on the California delegation, but is urging his backers to try to become delegates on their own.

And, he said, "I'm here to encourage delegates who will vote for me when they are turned loose (by Gov. Brown)."

Senator Humphrey said he hopes to have 150 to 200 delegates behind him by July. If he does, he said, "We'll be all right."

Senator Morse, Democrat of Oregon, not on Gov. Rockefeller's list of Democratic starters in the 1960 contest, said he is seriously considering going into the April 5 Wisconsin Democratic primary.

Senator Morse already is competing in the Oregon and District of Columbia primaries and maintains he is a serious contender for the party's nomination. Senators Morse, Kennedy and Humphrey are the only officially announced Democratic candidates.

Most observers think that if Senator Morse enters the Key Wisconsin test one of his objectives would be to try to spoil Senator Kennedy's chance of winning any clear-cut victory there.

Two others on Gov. Rockefellers' list were keeping out of the limelight, at least temporarily. Senator Johnson was on his way to Acapulco, Mexico, for a brief respite from Washington. Mr. Stevenson has embarked on a lengthy Latin American tour, and conferred yesterday with President Adolfo Lopez Mateos of Mexico.

104 Get 3 to 30 Years In Cuba as Plotters

HAVANA, Feb. 11 (AP).—A Cuban military court last night convicted 104 persons of conspiring to overthrow Fidel Castro in a plot the government charged was backed by Generalissimo Rafael Trujillo of the Dominican Republic.

Sentences ranging from 3 to 30 years were handed down by a five-man military tribunal in the biggest conspiracy trial since Mr. Castro seized power more than a year ago. Thirty-six defendants were acquitted.

The 104 convicted were stripped of their property and money, which will be seized by the government.

Maj. William Morgan of Toledo, Ohio, an officer in the Cuban revolutionary army, was credited with uncovering the plot in the role of a double agent.

Maj. Morgan claimed that Gen. Trujillo was the mastermind and big financial backer —charges Gen. Trujillo denied.

Nine Get 30 Years

The 30-year sentences were given to nine defendants captured in a gun battle at Trinidad, in Central Cuba, last August after they landed in a plane the government said came from the Dominican Republic. Two of Prime Minister Castro's soldiers were killed in the gun battle.

Mr. Castro himself watched the trap sprung after the arms-laden plane was lured by planted reports that a full-fledged revolt was under way. Among the nine was Luis Pozo, son of a former Mayor of Havana.

The nine men offered no defense during the trial. All the other defendants denied the charges against them.

Nineteen were given 20-year terms; 37 got nine years; 21 got six, and 18 got three-year terms. None of the defendants was in the courtroom when Navy Capt. Armando Pardillo, president of the court, announced the sentences.

Leaders Reported Chosen

The prosecution charged that the plotters had already chosen leaders of the new government which was to take over had they succeeded.

Ramon Mestre, wealthy builder who allegedly was to become Prime Minister, was sentenced to 20 years at hard labor.

Arturo Hernandez Tellaheche, an opposition Senator during the regime of Dictator Fulgencio Batista, was allegedly the choice for President. He got nine years.

Armano Cainas Milanes, former president of the cattlemen's association, was given nine years on charges of helping to finance the plot. His association was one of the leading opponents of Mr. Castro's land redistribution program.

At the outset of the month-long trial, which began January 1, the prosecution announced it would not demand any death sentences.

Rackets King Starts Term

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 (AP).—Vito Genovese, gritting his teeth and fighting back tears, surrendered today to start serving a 15-year Federal prison sentence on a narcotics conspiracy conviction.

The 63-year-old reputed head of the American branch of Mafia, international underworld ring, lost a bid yesterday to remain free in $150,000 bail until the United States Supreme Court determines whether it will hear his motion for a review.

Genovese was convicted with 14 others of narcotics conspiracy last April 3 and was sentenced April 17. He lost on motions for reversal of the decision in the United States Court of Appeals.

A resident of Atlantic Highlands, N. J., Genovese has been described by the Government as "king of the rackets." He was a delegate to the Apalachin underworld meeting in 1957.

Immediately after Supreme Court Justice John M. Harlan refused yesterday to permit Genovese continued freedom pending appeal, the racketeer was ordered to surrender to the Federal court.

Genovese gave himself up in the chambers of Federal Judge Sidney Sugarman. The procedure took only three minutes.

Curtis to Run Again

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 11 (AP).—Representative Curtis, Missouri's only Republican Congressman, yesterday announced he will seek re-election to a sixth term, thus ending speculation that he might run for Governor.

Army to Draft 6,000 in April

By the Associated Press

The Army today issued a draft call for 6,000 men in April. This is the same quota previously announced for February and March.

The new call brings to 2,515,430 the total number drafted or earmarked for induction since the resumption of selective service in September, 1950.

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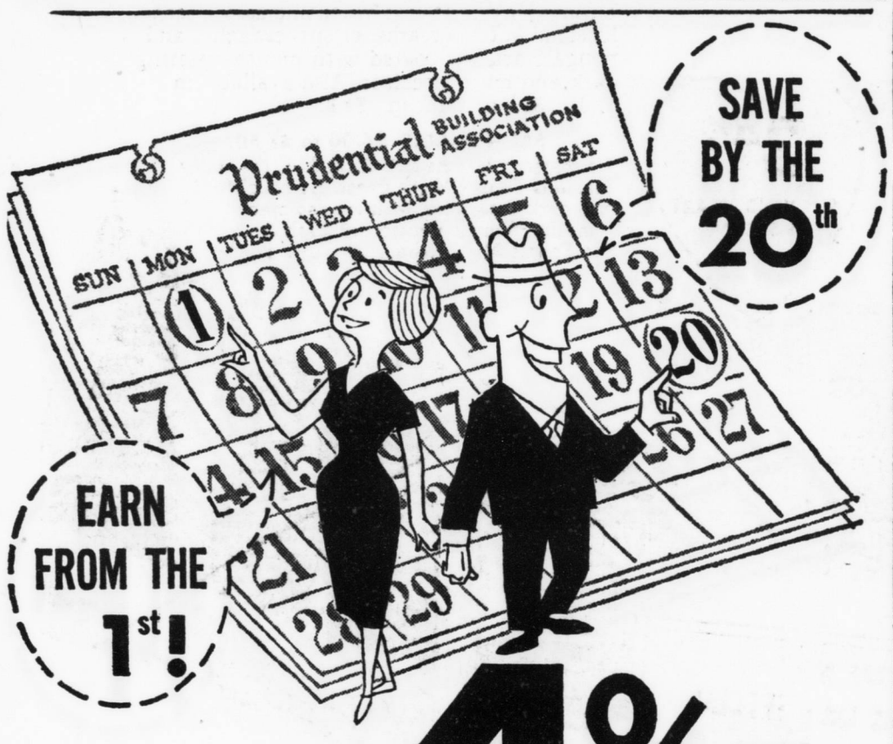

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